Export of Coal

1899. SHRI TARA CHAND KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to boost the export of coal to earn foreign exchange;

(b) if so, whether any fresh agreement with any foreign countries has been held recently to export coal; if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the export of coal will affect on requirement in the steel or power sector in the country; and

(d) if so the steps taken by the Government to meet the requirement for steel and power sector?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) Yes, Sir. Coal India have agreed to make available upto one million tonnes of coal for export during 1991-92.

(b) As per information given by Minerals & Metals Trading Corporation, contracts have been concluded with buyers from Nepal for sale of 1,11,200 tonnes of coal.

(c) and (d) Actual export of coal will depend not only on availability of coal but also on conclusion of mutually acceptable contracts and availability of infrastructure like railway wagons and port facilities. Even if the entire quantity of one million tonnes was exported, it will form less than 0.5% of the annual production programme of 228 million tonnes of coal and is not likely to affect the coal availability to steel sector. Instructions have, however, been issued that the requirements of core sector including power and steel must be met on priority and coal company-wise targets have been fixed which are being regularly monitored.

Cash Collection Centre at Yamuna Vihar, Delhi

1900. SHRI TARA CHAND KHANDELWAL:
SHRI B. L. SHARMA PREM:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to refer to the reply given on April 10, 1990 to Unstarred Question No. 4330 regarding cash collection centre at Yamuna Vihar, Delhi and state:

(a) whether the cash collection centre has been set up there; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which the cash collection centre is likely to be set up there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) According to DESU, a new cash collection centre at Yamuna Vihar has already started functioning from 8th October, 1990.

[*Translation*]

Sale of Hot Plates, Rubber Pipes and Burner by LPG Agencies

1901. SHRI GOVIDA CHANDRA MUNDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether hot plates, burner, rubber pipes are being sold at double rates as compared to that of open market by LPG dealers all over the country particularly in Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any steps have been taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to check it; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The sale price of accessories like hot plates, burner, rubber pipes, etc., is not fixed by the Govt.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Development Activities of ONGC in Amlapuram Area of East Godavari District

1902. SHRI G.M.C. BALAYOGI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) proposed to share the finance in construction of roads, bridges and other developmental activities in Amlapuram area of East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh where oil drilling operations by the ONGC have been going on;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) ONGC has considered in principle, to give some loan for the construction of roads and bridges in East Godavari, West Godavari and Krishna districts subject to certain conditions.

[Translation]

Railway Line Between Shahganj and Mau

1903. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to lay broad gauge railway line between Shahganj and Mau or to convert the existing line on this route into broad-gauge during the coming years; and

(b) if so, when it is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Late Running of Indore-Malwa Express

1904. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of late running of the Indore-Malwa express during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether this train gets late between Indore and Bhopal due to halt at Bhopal outer; and

(c) the remedial measures being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) During 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 Malwa Express reached Indore right time on 272, 261 and 230 days and at New Delhi on 210, 258 and 199 days, respectively.

(b) Sometimes, due to operational reasons.

(c) A drive was launched in July, 1991, and the train reached New Delhi and Indore right time on 27 and 28 days, respectively during this month.

Reservation Facility at Azamgarh Railway Station

1905. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the reservation facility provided at Azamgarh railway station for various trains has been withdrawn;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to allot reservation quota for Azamgarh in all the trains starting from Varanasi; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?